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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7058

BILL NUMBER: HB 1273

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Serving Alcoholic Beverages in Arena Suites.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Weinzapfel

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the holder of a beer, wine, and liquor retailer permit may allow the self-service of alcoholic beverages in a suite of a civic center or sports arena. It provides that a permittee that allows self-service of alcoholic beverages in a suite is not liable under laws concerning furnishing alcohol to a minor or to an intoxicated person.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

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Explanation of State Revenues: This bill could potentially reduce the number of court cases and penalties assessed against the affected permit holders. If there are fewer actions brought, court fee revenue would decrease. A portion of the court fees are deposited in the state General Fund. Additionally, depending on the number of potential violations, fine revenue to the state General Fund and the Common School Fund could be reduced. The maximum fine for a Class C infraction and Class C misdemeanor is \$500. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could potential reduce the number of people sentenced to jail time for a Class B or C misdemeanor. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If fewer court actions are filed, local governments would receive less court

fee revenue.

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs Association, Department of Correction.

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